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Wolverine World Wide Former Tannery Site, Rockford, Michigan

In June 2012, EPA completed a Preliminary Assessment in response to a citizen's petition, at the former Wolverine World Wide Tannery, located at 123 North Main Street in Rockford, Michigan. The town is located 22 miles north of Grand Rapids, Michigan. The site has generated considerable interest among the very active local community interest groups and local and state officials. The local government and State Senator Mark C. Jansen requested that EPA keep the site under state authority. The Preliminary Assessment determined that the site scores above 28.50 in EPA's Hazardous Ranking System and merits further investigation. EPA agreed to MDEQ's recommendation that the site be referred to it for further investigation under "Other Cleanup Authority" (OCA). With the site under this status, MDEQ must work with the responsible party to achieve an acceptable investigation and remediation. Additionally, MDEQ must report to EPA at least twice a year on progress being made at the site. The community group that initiated the petition has complained to EPA that the investigation work plan approved by MDEQ is inadequate and the process is not transparent. To date, MDEQ has not reported to EPA on the site's status. As of May 1, I understand that MDEQ is preparing OCA report on the WWW site.

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